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E.O. 12065: GDS 10/27/87 (HIRSCH, J.L.) OR-P
TAGS: ELAB, SREY, PINT, XO, UR
SUBJECT: (C) PAKISTANI LABOR FEDERATION CONCERNS
REGARDING AFGHAN REFUGEES

REF: FBIS LONDON 230941Z OCT 81

1. (C) - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. RECENT FBIS ITEM (REF) WITH TEXT OF ARTICLE ON
PAKISTAN IN MOSCOW'S "KRASHAYA ZEKO" CONTAINED
ASSERTION THAT ALL PAKISTAN FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS
(APFTU) HAD PASSED A RESOLUTION URGING GOP TO STOP
AIDING THE "AFGHAN EMIGRE RABBLE" AND USE THOSE FUNDS
TO IMPROVE THE LIVING STANDARD OF PAKISTAN'S OWN
PEOPLE. ACCORDING TO WHAT
TOLD ENBOFF OCTOBER 26, SOVIETS HAVE TWISTED THE FACTS
TO SUIT THEIR OWN PURPOSES, BUT APFTU HAS CONVEYED TO
THE GOP SOME CONCERNS ABOUT THE AFGHAN REFUGEE
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3. ACCORDING TO THE APFTU HAS CALCULATED THAT THE TOTAL PACKAGE OF RELIEF BENEFITS TO AN AFGHAN REFUGEE AMOUNTS TO ABOUT RS. 1000 PER MONTH WHEREAS THE MINIMUM INDUSTRIAL WAGE IN PAKISTAN AMOUNTS TO ABOUT RS. 750 PER MONTH. (WE DO NOT KNOW WHERE THE FIGURE FOR REFUGEE RELIEF COMES FROM. IT STRIKES US AS HIGH SINCE EACH REFUGEE ONLY RECEIVES RS. 80 MONTHLY MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE FROM THE GOP PLUS FOOD FROM THE UFP WHICH WE CALCULATE WOULD COST RS. 370 PER MONTH TO BUY ON THE LOCAL MARKET. HOWEVER, THESE AMOUNTS ARE DONATED TO EVERY MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD AND THE AVERAGE REFUGEE FAMILY HAS SEVEN MEMBERS.) RATHER THAN CALLING FOR A DIMINUTION OF AID TO THE REFUGEES, HOWEVER, THE APFTU HAS CALLED UPON THE GOP TO RAISE THE MINIMUM WAGE IN PAKISTAN TO A COMPARABLE LEVEL.

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4. ANOTHER APFTU CONCERN, ACCORDING TO IS ITS BELIEF THAT A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF THE AFGHAN REFUGEES IN THE LABOR MARKET ARE IN FACT PRO-DRA "AGENT PROVOCATEURS." THE APFTU WANTS THE GOP TO DO SOMETHING TO KEEP SUCH INDIVIDUALS FROM OBTAINING JOBS. (COMMENT: THIS NO DOUBT REFLECTS A MORE GENERAL CONCERN OVER COMPETITION FOR SCARCE JOBS BETWEEN THE REFUGEES AND LOCAL INHABITANTS.)

5. NOTE: THE APFTU IS AFFILIATED WITH THE ICFTU. CONGEN LAMORE REPORTS THAT APFTU IN FACT HAS MADE CONTRIBUTIONS TO AID THE AFGHAN REFUGEES.

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